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I once loved a lass and I loved her so well And I hated all others who spoke of her ill. And now she's rewarded me well for my love, For she's gone and she's wed another.

And I saw my love up to the church go With bridesmen and bridesmaidens she made a fine show.

And I followed on with my heart full of woe For she's gone and she's wed another.

I saw my love as she sat down to dine. I sat down beside her and poured the wine. And I thought of the lassie that should have been mine, I thought her sweet company better than meat Now she's gone and she's wed another.

All the men in yon forest they asked of me, How many strawberries grow in a salt sea? And I answer them with a tear in my e'e, How many ships sail in the forest?

Oh dig me a grave and dig it sae deep, And cover it over with wee flowers sae sweet. And I lay me down for to take a long sleep And maybe in time I'll forget her.

So they dug him a grave and they dug it sae deep And they covered it over with wee flowers sae sweet And he lay him down for to take a long sleep And maybe in time he'll forget her.

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